

**A new law says most Medi-Cal applicants and beneficiaries must show proof of citizenship and proof of identity.**

*The easiest way to provide both proof of citizenship and identity is with **one** of these documents:*

- U.S. Passport  
(issued without limitation)
- Certificate of Naturalization  
(N-550 or N-570)
- Certificate of U.S. Citizenship  
(N-560 or N-561)

*If you do **not** have one of these documents, provide:*  
 – **one** document from the Citizenship list, and  
 – **one** document from the Identity list.

*Medi-Cal prefers the documents at the top of each list.*

**Questions?**

Call your local social services office or eligibility worker.

## Acceptable Citizenship and Identity Documents

### Citizenship

- ❖ U.S. Birth Certificate
- ❖ Certification of Report of Birth (DS-1350)
- ❖ Report of Birth Abroad of a U.S. Citizen (FS-240)
- ❖ State Department Certification of Birth (FS-545 or DS-1350)
- ❖ U.S. Citizen Identification Card (I-197 or I-179)
- ❖ American Indian Card (I-872)
- ❖ Northern Marian Card (I-873)
- ❖ Final adoption decree
- ❖ Proof of employment by the U.S. civil service before 6/1/76
- ❖ U.S. military service record that shows a U.S. place of birth
- ❖ U.S. hospital record that shows time and place of birth
- ❖ Life, health, or other insurance record that shows U.S. place of birth
- ❖ Federal or State census record that shows the applicant's age and U.S. citizenship (or U.S. place of birth)
- ❖ Seneca Indian tribal census record showing U.S. place of birth\*
- ❖ Bureau of Indian Affairs tribal census record of the Navajo Indians that shows a U.S. place of birth \*
- ❖ U.S. State Vital Statistics birth registration notification\*
- ❖ An amended U.S. public birth record (amended more than 5 years after the person's birth) \*
- ❖ Statement by doctor or midwife present at the birth
- ❖ Admission papers from a nursing or other institution that shows U.S. place of birth \*
- ❖ Medical record that shows U.S. place of birth

If you **cannot** provide one of the above documents, you may ask two adults to fill out and sign an *Affidavit of Citizenship*. Both adults must have proof of their own identity and U.S. citizenship, and only one of them may be related to you.

*\* Must be dated at least 5 years before your first Medi-Cal application.*

### Identity

- ❖ Driver's license issued by a U.S. State or Territory with a photograph or other identifying information
- ❖ School Identification card with a photograph
- ❖ U.S. Military card or draft record
- ❖ Federal, state or local government ID card with same information as a driver's license
- ❖ Military dependent identification card
- ❖ A U.S. passport (issued with limitation)
- ❖ Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood or other U.S. American Indian/Alaska Native Tribal document
- ❖ U.S. Coast Guard Merchant Mariner Card
- ❖ School, daycare, or nursery school records for a child under 16

**For children under 16** who did not provide an *Affidavit of Citizenship*, you may submit:

- ❖ An affidavit of the child's identity signed by the child's parent or guardian.
- ❖ A Medi-Cal application or Healthy Families–Medi-Cal joint application that shows the child's date and place of birth, and is signed by the child's parent or guardian.